

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF MARK R. SCHROEDER

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TITLE: ASSEMBLY FOR DISPENSING ADHESIVE-SIDED ARTICLES TO ALLOW ONE-HANDED APPLICATION

WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEYS

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned, Mark A. Tidwell, Reg. No. 37,456, hereby withdraws as attorney in the above-identified patent application. The withdrawal is being filed on behalf of all of the attorneys named in the Power of Attorney: Frank S. Vaden III, Reg. No. 22,326; James E. Bradley, Reg. No. 27,536, Kent A. Rowald, Reg. No. 34,005, and all other attorneys of the firm Felsman, Bradley, Vaden, Gunter & Dillon L.L.P. as named on the Power of Attorney, and all other attorneys of the firm Bracewell & Patterson, LLP.

The Withdrawal is being filed in view of a letter dated May 10, 2001 received from the Applicant, copy attached, notifying Applicant's attorney that other counsel has been employed to prosecute this application. A copy of our letter dated July 27, 2001, informing the client of the deadline for the next action is also enclosed. Approval of the Withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Transfer of Qwikstrip files

Dear Mark:

I regret to inform you that GMP is consolidating its intellectual property work. As a result, I am moving the GMP Qwikstrip patent portfolio to Banner & Witcoff. At this time, I request that you immediately forward your PCT file for Qwikstrip (PCT/US99/26298) to:

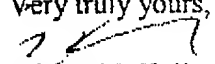
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Banner & Witcoff will handle the national stage filings due at the end of May. Please transfer the other patent files to them at your convenience.

We are also bringing the trademark work in house. Please send the Qwikstrip and Qwik-Spot trademark files to my attention.

It was a pleasure working with you.

Very truly yours,


Michael J. Keller

cc: Jeff Rancy, Esq.
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July 27, 2001

Via Federal Express

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Re: Transfer of GMP Qwikstrip Patent Files

Dear Mr. Hanlon:

At the request of Mike Keller of GMP Companies, we are hereby transferring all the Qwikstrip patent files in our possession. Also enclosed is a current docket sheet and copies of the Withdrawals filed. The following is the current status of the three active files:

1. PCT/Packaging for Adhesive Sided Articles to Allow One-Handed Application, US99/26298; Our File No. 0336FV.036594.
This file was previously forwarded to you on May 14, 2001 via Federal Express, pursuant to instructions from GMP that your firm would handle the 30-month deadline on May 24, 2001;
2. USP 6,225,522 - Packaging for Adhesive Sided Articles to Allow One-Handed Application; Our Ref. No. 0336FV.044007.
This application has issued and the original patent is enclosed. The first maintenance fee is due on November 1, 2004;
3. Div/Assembly for Dispensing Adhesive-Sided Articles to Allow One-Handed Application; Serial No. 09/819,040; Our Ref. No. 0336FV.044008.
This application was inadvertently filed on April 23, 2001 as a continuation patent application instead of a divisional, as intended. On May 7, 2001, we filed a petition requesting that this application be treated as a divisional. Our petition was granted (copy enclosed) and the divisional application has been issued serial no. 09/819,040 and given the original filing date of April 23, 2001. An information disclosure statement has not been filed pending the outcome of the petition.



Mr. Brian Hanlon
July 27, 2001
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If you have any questions, please contact me. My direct line is (713) 221-1529.

Very truly yours,

Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Mark A. Tidwell'.

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Enclosures

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*


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Response to Correct App/In Paper
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